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Trail Rangers Will Hold Banquet.

FATHERS AND MOTHERS ATTENTION! WE, THE Trail Rangers of Irma, invite you to feast with us next Saturday, January 15th, at 6.30 P. M., in the basement of the Church. Come and meet Wallace Forgie, Boys' Work Secretary for Alberta. All fathers and mothers of teen age boys, Sunday School Superintendents and school teachers are invited to attend a banquet on January 15th in the basement of the Church given in honor of Mr. Wallace Forgie who is paying us a visit.

Why you should hear Mr. Wallace Forgie talk about Boys next Sunday, January 16th, at 3.30 P. M. Everyone is interested in boys. If you are a man, you are interested in what you used to be. If you're a boy you are interested (a bit) in yourself. If you're a little girl, you are interested in your brother. If you're a big girl you're interested in somebody else's brother. If you are a mother, you're interested in your son, so everybody come.

What the "Farmers Sun" says of the boy:—"The boy is a special object of interest to every true man. In him a man lives over again his own early life, and there is a feeling of sympathy especially deep and affectionate. Then the hope and brightness which shine from the clear open eyes of a boy make him attractive to all. Moreover, his humor and his loyal and affectionate heart draw out the deepest and the best that is in us. His exuberance, impulse and strong temptations give a seriousness which intensifies the situation, the problem and the attachment. Even the cool and calculating disposition is concerned for the boy, for it recognizes in him the strength, efficiency, the hope of the future and the activity of the present."

Come and hear Wallace Forgie talk about BOYS at the Community Service, Sunday, January 16th, 3.30 P.M. "Managing a three-ringed circus is a mere incidental compared to managing my three boys," said a discouraged father not long ago. "It's just one unfortunate situation after another until I get desperate. I think I was a real boy myself, but I don't believe I was possessed!"

Undoubtedly the boy in the modern home brings problems. There are problems as well, however, in raising cattle or corn or trees and the man who meets the problems as they come, dealing with each in a genuinely thorough-going manner without allowing them to accumulate soon discovers that it is the problems—the development of the unexpected—that give zest to the game of boy training. Incidentally, the man who meets problems successfully, in no matter what realm, is the man who is prepared.

Boys, homes, fathers, and ignorance are usually a fatal combination. "Horse sense" is a fine quality for every man to possess, but alone it is not sufficient in dealing with boys. A successful father must develop a sound working philosophy of boy-life based on authentic facts before his "horse sense" really has any practical value so far as raising the boy is concerned.

The boy who is never a problem in the home is sick, a mollycoddle, or completely subdued, any one of which is a fatal calamity to the boy. Every period of development, yes, every year and perhaps month of growth in the life of a healthy normal boy brings a problem which, if met fairly and justly, is a great challenge to fatherhood.

Mr. Wallace Forgie, Calgary, Boys' Work Secretary for Alberta, will talk to us on boys next Sunday, January 16th, in the Irma church at 3.30 P. M. Don't fail to hear one of the "Big Chiefs" among boys.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY.

School had a Xmas party. All the children of the Sunday School were invited with their mothers and a goodly number came and enjoyed themselves. The afternoon was spent in games and then came lunch and ice cream and the boys and girls did relish that. Then came a spontaneous program and the boys and girls did the entertaining for a time in good style. Certificates of recognition of attendance for the year were given to those who had been at Sunday School 50 percent of the time. Then Santa Claus came and sent everyone away with a bag of candy and nuts.

The officers and teachers of the School have been faithful in their tasks and we are sure the New Year will be a good one in this part of the church work, but let us all recognize that it is important for the community to have an institution for religious education and each one do his part to make it go.

THE COMMUNITY GUILD HELD MEETING.

The Community Guild met on Monday evening at the home of Mr. Fenton and spent a very pleasant evening. The song books which had been ordered some time ago were on hand and were used. It is difficult to get a collection that is in every way suited to our need and we deplore that our new book is from the U. S. A. and its national pieces are suited to that country. We hope some Canadian publisher will soon right this condition and that a really Canadian book will be obtainable. It was decided to carry on the meetings weekly and the program promises to be interesting for the next month. The next meeting of the Guild is to be in the basement of the church on Monday, January 12th, a debate is called for.

CELEBRATE 45TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Toll celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd, at their home.

Dinner was served at seven o'clock to twelve guests, those being Mr. and Mrs. Hockin, Mr. and Mrs. King, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Fischer, Mrs. H. S. Armstrong, and Mr. C. A. Toll.

After all doing justice to the sumptuous dinner prepared by the bride of 45 years ago, Mr. C. A. Toll, only son of the house, as toastmaster, then welcomed the guests and proposed a toast to "Bride and Groom" to which Mr. Toll replied. Mr. Hockin was called on to propose a toast to "The Ladies" to which Mr. Fischer replied, and we feel after listening to them that ladies must surely have a big corner in their hearts. Mr. King was called on to propose a toast to our "Fair Alberta" which Mr. Elliott replied to.

Mrs. C. A. Toll, assisted by Miss Gladys Renwick, looked after guests serving their many wants at the table.

After an evening spent in old-time reminiscences and a bit of music, the guests departed wishing Mr. and Mrs. Toll many more as pleasant anniversaries.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 29th, a very pretty wedding ceremony was celebrated at the home of Burton Fair, who desire any revisions in the present prize list are requested to send any changes or additions which they wish to make, by letter, before Feb. 1st, to Mr. W. H. King, Irma, chairman of the revising committee.

—J. W. Milburn, Secy-treas. Irma Agri. Society.

SHAFFNER-PHILLIPPE

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Burkholder, Edmonton, on Dec. 24th, when one of our most popular young ladies of the Irma district, Miss Blanche Shaffner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Shaffner, of Irma, and niece of Senator Shaffner, of Winnipeg, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. Ross H. Phillippe, of Kinsella, by the Rev. Mr. Going, of Edmonton. The bride looked exceedingly pretty in navy blue suit with hat to match and white fox furs being the gift from the groom.

After spending Xmas with the bride's parents in Irma, they left for Saskatoon to spend several weeks with the groom's parents.

CHURCH NOTICE.

1.30 P. M. Preaching service at Sunny Brae.

3.30 P. M. Preaching service at Roseberry.

7.30 P. M. Preaching service at Irma.

Sunday School Sessions.

Irma and Alma Mater at 2 P. M.

2.30 P. M. at Roseberry. Everybody is invited to these meetings.

Let me wish every citizen of the Irma district a Very Happy New Year. That kind of a year that will always be good to look back upon and remember because it is full of kind and loving words and deeds and such successes as open out a true and longer lie.

C. G. Hockin, Pastor.

Geo. Clarke returned to the University at Edmonton after spending the Xmas vacation here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Clarke spent the New Year at Clark Manor.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Jones returned from a pleasant holiday at Viking Monday.

NOTICE.

All members and those intending to exhibit at the Irma Agricultural Society are requested to send any changes or additions which they wish to make, by letter, before Feb. 1st, to Mr. W. H. King, Irma, chairman of the revising committee.

—J. W. Milburn, Secy-treas. Irma Agri. Society.

Notice.

The directors of the Irma Agricultural Society have instructed me to call a meeting of all interested citizens of Irma and district, to be held in the Co-op Hall, on Wednesday, Jan. 12th, at 2 P. M. for the purpose of discussing the advisability of making the Agricultural hall which they purpose building, a Community Hall.

Please attend if interested and make your suggestions. —J. W. Milburn, Secretary-Treas. Irma Agri. Society.

LOCAL NEWS.

The Irma Agricultural Society intend holding a two day Fair this year. Bigger and better than ever.

There will be a meeting of the Irma Live Stock Association on January 12th at the home of E. R. Mallinson at 3 o'clock P. M.

Ross McFarland is visiting in Edmonton.

W. J. McCullough has gone to B. C. for the winter.

Miss Ella Brickman paid us a visit last week.

Mrs. Blanketship returned on Sunday after a pleasant visit.

Miss Inez Fenton returned to College at Edmonton this week.

The car shortage on the C. N. railway has improved greatly, 28 cars were in the process of loading at Irma on Jan. 3rd.

Mrs. McNaughton who has been visiting her son John, and daughter, Mrs. Grover Arnold, has returned to Lancaster, Ont.

Mrs. W. A. G. Hawker and child will sail on the Empress of Britain, Jan. 14th, for England.

Miss Lavina Haase and Miss Riba Shafer have returned to high school at Wainwright.

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Pink Salmon25c
Tapioca, 2 lbs for25c
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Large wood box Sodas,90c
Family size35c
Edwardsburg Syrup, 5 lbs 65c, 10 lbs	\$1.25
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By O-GE-MAS-ES (Little Clerk).

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Indians are varied in character, much like white men, but I have known intimately a number of the older men who were spiritually minded though Pagan in religion. One instance comes back to me while writing. Essa-wa-pum-o, an elderly Saulteaux, was my steady friend for many years and it was a real grief to hear of his death in the spring of 1919. A fine hunter, his specialty was bears, especially finding their dens in winter. He did not disclose his methods, but I always insisted that he snuff them out, much to the old man's amusement.

On one occasion in March of a long steady winter, word came in that they were very short of food at his camp some thirty miles to the southeast. Loading a dog-sled with some provisions and trading supplies, I started early next morning for Mike-sun Pe-mat-to-ga-wim (lake where the eagle swims) where he was camped, and reached there in good time. Three teepees were standing in a well sheltered spot, but no one was in sight. I noted three freshly killed bear skins on stretchers, one large and two small, and was pleased to think the hunter's skill had again saved the little band from hunger. Approaching the centre tent, home of Essa-wa-pum-o, I could hear him praying to the Great Spirit, giving thanks for being guided to the winter den of the bears, taking no credit for his own skill, but giving "Kitchie Manitou" all the praise. I peeped in the teepee. Pots of bear meat were cooking over the small fire in the centre, and all the little band were devoutly listening to the old man's prayer and grace, though some of the younger ones

were casting hungry glances at the food, which evidently they had not yet tasted. Finally grace was over and I called "How" from the entrance to the teepee. They came out like a swarm of bees delighted to see the trader with his load of good things to eat.

Camping in the old man's tent as usual, and after a famous supper in which tender young bear meat figured on the menu, I had him describe the finding of the bears, which he did most graphically, and further said that when starting out early that morning he prayed long and earnestly to Manitou for guidance and success in his hunt, and you can see for yourself the reply: Bear meat in plenty and furs to purchase the flour, tea, bacon and sugar our good trader has brought us.

"What condition were these bears in?" I asked. "Very fat," was his reply. "A she bear and two large cubs, the latter suckling their mother."

"As they had been in the den since late October or early November, where on earth did the old she bear get milk for her cubs, as they store up no food in their winter quarters?"

"Why," was Essa-wa-pum-o's reply, "you know all about that."

"How is that?"

"Why, your Big Book tells you."

"What book?"

"Oh, you are stupid. Why, Kitchie Mussina-e-gun of course" (meaning Bible).

"But what does the Bible say about it?"

"Why, God gives her the milk!"

"And verily the old pagan Indian's reply made me speechless, for I could think of no other solution."

Shipyard Opened

Will Build Freighters at Vancouver For Canadian Government.

Vancouver.—The shipyard of J. Coughlin and Sons, Limited, closed for several weeks past, resumed operations on January 3, with a largely augmented force of men. When the Christmas shutdown occurred, the firm had 300 men employed, but when the yards resumed, 1,000 were put at work on two steel freight steamers of 8,300 tons each. The vessels will cost approximately \$1,400,000 each, and will take four months to build. The steamer's will be constructed for the Canadian Government.

More than \$12,000,000 worth of marine construction is included in plans authorized by the Canadian Government for Vancouver and Victoria, including the construction of steamers, piers, Victoria drydock and financial assistance in ship construction.

Irish Countess Goes to Prison

Sentenced to Two Years Hard Labor For Conspiracy.

Dublin.—Countess Georgina Markievicz who was tried by a court-martial on a charge of conspiring to organize a sedition society, was sentenced to two years at hard labor in prison. The specific allegation against her was that she had, between January, 1918, and September, 1920, plotted to organize a "fanna eireanne," or Sinn Fein Boy Scouts Society. This organization has been charged with the conspiracy to murder military police and with unlawful drilling.

Schools Cannot Teach Militarism

Amsterdam.—A despatch to the Handelsblad from Dusseldorf says the Inter-Allied Rhine Commission, alarmed because of the spread of militarism in German schools, has issued an order prohibiting the use of schools for military purposes on penalty of arrest and confiscation of the schools.

Canada Gets Large British Contract

Vancouver.—Major-General J. W. Stewart, of this city, and his associates, have been awarded by the British Government work on the African Gold Coast, the first unit of which amounts to \$17,000,000, according to advices received from London. Major-General Stewart's firm also has been appointed engineer to the British Government on the Gold Coast.

Repudiates Treaties

Madrid.—The Spanish Government has given notification of the denunciation on March 20 next of the commercial conventions between Spain and Denmark, Holland, Sweden and Switzerland.

For World Disarmament

Leading European Statesmen Practically in Agreement on Naval Holiday Question.

New York.—The New York World, in the second of a series of articles advocating disarmament, publishes cable messages from a number of the leading men of Europe. Following are excerpts from a number of these messages:

Lord Beaverbrook says: "Great Britain, Japan and America ought to agree on a naval holiday, during which no ships should be built and they should insist upon the smaller naval powers following suit. The Daily Express will urge this plan with all its energy and press the necessity of limiting armaments on the British public and Government."

Lord Buckmaster: "The path of international disarmament is the only one that can lead the world to safety. Competition between nations in armaments is a race for bankruptcy—a race which those who win and those who lose, alike will gain the prize. If the consciousness of mankind cannot agree for its mutual protection, common folly will work its ruin."

Lord Bryce: "It is to me rather doubtful whether good will be done in the United States by expressions of opinion proceeding from England on the question of disarmament, but I hope for an early opportunity of expressing my own feelings on the subject in Parliament."

Fleet Coming to Pacific Coast

Plan to Reach Esquimaux About March 1st.

Ottawa.—The people of the Pacific coast will probably have their first look at Canada's new fleet early in March. According to present plans, the squadron will arrive at Esquimaux about March 1.

The fighting ships will leave Halifax on January 6 for a cruise to the West Indies. In West Indian waters they will have gunnery practice and general fleet work with the British North Atlantic squadron, after which they start for the Pacific.

Major Bell Transferred

Vancouver, B.C.—Major Bell, assistant director of the Soldiers' Re-establishment in Halifax, has been transferred to British Columbia, with headquarters in Vancouver. He succeeds General Dean. The change will go into effect January 15. Major Bell has left the east for Vancouver.

Princess Mary Drives Own Motor

London.—Princess Mary, the only daughter of King George, has determined, after many protests by her mother, to drive a car of her own.

Co-Operative Societies

On the Increase

Several New Associations Have Been Formed in Alberta.

Calgary.—About 130 co-operative trading associations are on the books of the Provincial Secretary. Several new associations were formed during the closing weeks of the year. A large proportion of the co-operative organizations have been promoted and are now being conducted in connection with United Farmers of Alberta locals in different parts of the province.

Fighting Embargo

On Canadian Cattle

Sir George Perley Says Disease Does Not Exist.

London.—The Daily Express has interviewed Sir George Perley, Canadian high commissioner, on the embargo against Canadian cattle. Sir George says he is continually pressing the British Government on the matter, and adds that Canadians do not mean to rest until they regard as a wrong to Canada is righted. He says stress upon the understanding reached at the Imperial War Conference in 1917, that the embargo would be raised, and upon the fact that it is retained as a protection against the importation of a disease which does not exist among Canadian cattle.

Agriculturists Meet

Noted Western Agronomists at Edmonton Convention.

Edmonton, Alta.—The second annual convention of the Western Canadian Society of Agronomy was held at the University of Alberta here with prominent agriculturists from all parts of the west in attendance. The visitors were taken on a tour of the university buildings and grounds, visiting all departments of the institution under the guidance of members of the faculty of agriculture at the university.

Among the visitors were Professors T. H. Harrison and G. H. Ellis, of the University of Manitoba; M. Champlin, R. Hansen and F. E. Kirk, of the University of Saskatchewan, and the superintendents of the various experimental farms throughout the west. Instructors in field husbandry at the provincial agricultural schools; and members of the local faculty of agriculture at the university are others in attendance. Officials from the Dominion Department of Agriculture at Ottawa were also present at the convention.

Opening of Alberta House

Fourth Legislative Assembly Will Be Officially Opened Jan. 26th.

Edmonton, Alta.—The fourth session of the fourth Legislative Assembly of the province of Alberta will be officially opened at 3 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, January 26. This was announced by Premier Stewart following a meeting of the provincial executive council when the opening date was finally decided upon. The legislature will, therefore, enter on its work fully 22 days earlier than last session, which convened February 17 and prorogued April 10. Although no outstanding new legislation is slated to be brought down, in the session, it is altogether likely that ordinary business before the house will mean a session exceeding in length that of last last spring.

British Admiral Honored

San Francisco.—Admiral Sir Lever Bailey, of the British navy, joint commander with Admiral Sims of the British and United States fleets off the coast of Ireland during the war, has arrived here on the Pacific mailer, Ecuador. Four United States destroyers escorted the Ecuador.

Bolsheviks Reduce Armed Forces

London.—Partial demobilization of the Russian Bolshevik army has begun, owing to the completion of the more important military operations, says a Moscow despatch. This action, the message adds, will make it possible for Soviet Russia to concentrate upon the principal economic problems of the country.

Mayor Gives Services Free

Port Arthur, Ont.—Mayor Matthews declined to accept \$1,500 voted to him by the City Council in part remuneration for services rendered during the year. He said money was no inducement. He accepted the position, he served from a sense of duty and was willing to do it free.

Leader of Progressive Party



HON. T. A. CRESSER.

Dominion Leader of the National Progressive Party, whose first declaration of policy was given at a meeting in Winnipeg, December 10th, which was also addressed by Premier Drury of Ontario, both speakers being enthusiastically received.

Canadian Cattle for Australia

"Colony" Champion Bull, Purchased By Southern Breeder.

Vancouver, B.C.—The young bull "Colony," frontier champion owned by the Colony Farm, and winner of the junior championship at the Vancouver exhibition this year, has been purchased by W. Barton, of New Zealand, a prominent breeder of Holsteins, and has been shipped to that country. The price paid is said to run into four figures. Mr. Barton saw the animal while passing through this country recently. Within the last year cattle have been shipped from British Columbia to Honolulu, New Zealand and Australia.

Close Photograph Works

West Orange, N. J.—The photograph works of Thomas A. Edison, Inc., are closed, and will remain closed indefinitely. The record department is not affected. "General business conditions throughout the country," were given by company officials as the reason for closing, which affects 800 employees.

Strike Oil in Vancouver

Storage Tanks Being Built To Hold Crude Oil.

Vancouver, B.C.—An announcement by Sydney Miller, oil drilling expert, of the striking of oil by the Sparren oil well, started a boom in oil drilling in all the fields in the Vancouver-Strasburg area.

The Sparren well struck oil at 1,500 feet. Contracts were let and work started on the building of two storage tanks to hold huge quantities of the crude oil as it comes from the gusher, until it is shipped away to the refinery.

Fortune for Maid

Boston Woman Leaves Half-Million To Former Servant.

Boston, Mass.—The domestic service of Agnes McNevin in the family of Mrs. Mary Gilbert Knight is to be rewarded with a legacy of half a million dollars. The executors of the will of Mrs. Knight filed a petition in the probate court for leave to make final distribution of the property reporting that all specific public and personal bequests aggregating \$198,200 had been paid.

The estate was worth \$697,932 they reported, leaving approximately half a million for the former servant, who was named residuary legatee.

Clergymen Travel By Plane

Barrie, Ont.—Rev. Mr. Taylor, Anglican clergyman of this town, flew to Camp Borden on Christmas morning in order to celebrate holy communion in the camp. The service was held in the doctor's office in the camp hospital, and there were thirteen communicants. Captain Tudhope, in a Curtiss machine, carried the rector to Camp Borden and back in time for the Christmas morning service in the Anglican Church here.

De Valera Resting

New York.—Eamon De Valera, "President of the Irish republic," who went into seclusion several weeks ago "for a rest" is still indisposed in his hiding place in the city, Harry Boland, his secretary said.

A man can never gain ground during courtship if he is unable to hold his own.

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Last Phases of The Struggle In Defence of Fiume

Commander of Canadian Fleet at Ottawa

Capt. Adams Submits His First Formal Report to Headquarters.

Ottawa.—Captain Henry Adams, C.B.E., R.N., commanding officer of the Canadian fleet, who has arrived in the capital from Halifax, was in consultation with Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, minister of marine and naval affairs; Deputy Minister George G. Desbarats, of the naval section; Captain Walter Hosc, R.N., acting director of the naval services, and other officials of the department.

The purpose of Captain Adams' visit to the capital is to make his first formal report to headquarters before the fleet starts on a cruise to the West Indies and thence through the Panama Canal to British Columbia waters. As a result of his visit Capt. Adams will establish personal relations with the departmental officials at the capital and become acquainted with Canadian conditions thereby ensuring the smooth working of Canadian naval affairs.

Refers to Party Politics Only

Hanna Makes It Clear Municipal Politics Not Included in Recent Edit.

Toronto.—President D. B. Hanna, of the Canadian National Railway, in an interview here, in which he was asked if his order forbidding C.N.R. employees from being candidates for political office, applied to Secretary R. P. Ormsby, of the C.N.R., who is mayor of Leaside, Ont., made it clear that the order did not include municipal politics.

"The order simply deals with partisan politics," said President Hanna, "and has nothing to do with municipal politics. On the contrary we rather encourage our employees to take part in all local and keen interest in municipal affairs."

Mr. Hanna added that Mr. Ormsby had his full approval in taking special interest in Leaside. The Canadian National Railway shops are in Leaside.

To Check Crime

May Ask For Suspension of Parole of Prisoners For a Period.

Toronto.—To aid the police in checking crime, Chief of Police Samuel Dickson is seriously thinking of asking the parole boards to suspend temporarily the paroling of prisoners from Kingston and Burwash prisons.

Police records show that eighty people convicted of crime have been released on parole from Kingston and Burwash since January and are reporting monthly to police headquarters. During the year, over four hundred applications for parole have been received by the Toronto police. No less than twenty came in this week.

Adds Lash to Term

Edmonton.—In an effort to stop highway robbery, Judge Mitchell has handed down several decisions lately in which the lash has been added to a penitentiary term. To date four holdup men have been given sentences of three years with 20 lashes added.

Burned To Death

Portage la Prairie, Man.—Mrs. William H. Wilson, wife of a farmer residing south of Macdonald, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the family residence.

CANADA HAS ADVERSE TRADE BALANCE

Unfavorable Balance For Twelve Months Amounted to More Than \$57,000,000.

Ottawa.—Canada's unfavorable trade balance with the world for the 12 months which ended with November, amounted to \$57,000,000. Imports continued to increase and exports to fall away. Neither the protective tariff, the unfavorable exchange rate, nor the luxury tax has availed to change the situation. For the 12 months, imports totalled \$1,346,000,000, as against \$920,000,000 for 1919, an increase of \$425,000,000.

Exports totalled \$1,289,000,000 as against \$1,251,000,000, or an increase for the period of only \$38,000,000.

In recent months, exports have been decreasing. Total trade showed an increase during the 12 months of \$464,000,000.

The United States continues to be Canada's best customer. Imports from that country during the period increased from \$725,000,000 in 1919 to \$927,000,000 while exports increased from \$443,000,000 to \$545,000,000.

Rome.—A description of the last phases of the struggle in Fiume, received here show that the legionaries had opened fire against the troops who were merely holding the positions they had taken.

The fight assumed the character of guerrilla warfare all along the line. The legionaries took advantage of the natural resources of the terrain for laying ambushes. As the regulars were advancing across orchards they were enveloped by fire from machine guns which had been sunk to the level of the ground and cleverly camouflaged.

The houses seem to have been abandoned, but when the troops approached, the legionaries, hidden behind windows, chimney-stacks and on balconies and roofs, suddenly opened fire. Even women were found working machine guns. The gravest losses were inflicted by hand grenades, which were used so freely as to give the impression that they must have been accumulated by scores of thousands.

The legionaries ultimately tried to force the regulars to retreat, in order to relieve pressure on the city, but failed, owing to the stubborn resistance, especially of the carabinieri and Alpine troops, who fought courageously for more than three hours. The points where the struggle was the bitterest, near the railway station and inside the Fiume cemetery, were virtually destroyed.

D'Annunzio issued a proclamation declaring that it was not worth while dying for Italy. He said he was leaving Fiume by airplane. This was semi-officially announced here together with the announcement that the Fiume agreement may be regarded as concluded.

For Starving Children Of Europe

Hoover's "Banquet" Served By Society Made to National Wealthiest Citizens.

New York.—One thousand of New York's men and women of wealth paid \$1,000 or more each to sit at a plain-board table and eat beef stew. The "banquet" was a testimonial arranged by Herbert Hoover, chairman of the European Relief Council of the United States in an effort to secure the 3,500,000 starving children of Europe.

The stew, accompanied by white bread and a cup of coffee, was the same as served to starving children at relief stations throughout Europe at a cost of less than a cent and a half.

General John L. Pershing, Mr. Hoover, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Mrs. August Belmont and other notables carried soup bowls and were first in a line that passed by army field kitchens to be served. The servants were young society women.

Mr. Hoover announced after the dinner that the 1,000 guests paid \$2,011,221, or more than \$2,000 a plate.

Edmonton Building Permits for Year. Edmonton, Alta.—Building permits for the past year total \$3,231,955, according to Inspector N. McIvor's annual report to the commissioners. This sum is over three times larger than that of the previous year, when the figures were \$931,346. The aggregate of monthly permits this year was 368, as compared with 307 in 1919. In 1918 the total was 124, representing an estimated expenditure of \$351,470.

The woman who can't hold her tongue or her baby has no business with either.

Irma Cash Meat Market

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WHAT IS THE FORWARD MOVEMENT?

1. The first note of the Forward Movement is that of Spiritual Awakening. Clearly and strongly should this note everywhere be struck.

The war, with ruthless and tragic force, cut deep channels into human life. It compelled men to look beyond outward show and material strength, and threw them back upon God. It brought into sharp relief the issues of right and wrong. It proved above all else, a struggle for spiritual principle.

This new sense of spiritual values is the Church's opportunity. Now is the time, when the individual and social conscience is deeply stirred and sensitive to new influences, for the Church to give a full, clear witness to the healing and saving power of Jesus Christ.

2. It is the aim of the Forward Movement to seek a more thorough application of the Gospel Message, and to make both Church and Nation what, in our best moments, we would have them be.

This Christian consciousness should find its highest expression in the Christian Church and upon the Church rests the responsibility of leadership in the work of penetrating with the Christian spirit our domestic social, economic and political life.

But many persons give her a subordinate place, partly because they do not appreciate the unseen redemptive forces that she brings to bear on human life; partly because her witness on some of the great issues of the time is too feeble; partly because so many of her members are at ease in Zion. Clearness of vision, intensity of faith, wide sympathies, an unswerving Christianity that will heal our social wounds, the bringing of every national and world interest under the control of Christ, these are unmistakable needs.

3. The Forward Movement fixes attention once more on the children and youth of the Nation, and sees in them the Church's hope and opportunity.

In the making of men and women no other institution can take the place of the home as the great school of character. The school is its poorest handmaiden, for "if you would put anything into the life of a Nation, you must first put it into the schools." Further, it is the business of the Church to see that every child receives the moral and religious training which is its birthright.

There is cause here for searching of heart as to the whole spirit and method of our work among the children. Christian education must be given a larger and surer place in home, school, church, and community.

4. A vital element in the Forward Movement is the securing and support of men for the Christian Ministry, and other trained leaders.

For several years the supply of candidates for the ministry steadily diminished. Then it began to rise again, until, with the outbreak of the war, nearly four hundred of our students for the ministry answered the call of their Country. It is there fore imperative for the Church to address herself with intelligence and enthusiasm to this task. In every home and in every community the purpose and power of the ministry should receive new emphasis. The terms of enlistment, the suitability of the training given, the care of the Minister during active service and after, demand the thought of the best minds in our land. Are we standing behind our sons and this career of spiritual leadership? Unhappy the country that is without the vision and message of the Patriot-Prophet.

5. A new sense of Stewardship in the use of time, money and life will be one of the clearest marks of that spiritual awakening for which the Forward Movement calls.

The war revealed in the young men and women of Canada a striking capacity for service and sacrifice. The Nation itself poured into the struggle and treasure without stint. What are we to say of the Church that gives at the average rate of only five cents per member each week to her Missionary, Educational and Benevolent work, work that is vital to her very existence, and to the well being of the whole world?

New standards of giving must prevail within the Church, and her budget must be framed on a War scale, or her members should cease to sing "Onward Christian Soldiers."

6. The cooperation of the Protestant Churches of Canada in a great Inter-Church Movement will open up new sources of spiritual power and prepare the Church of Christ for the demands of the New Era.

A United Nations Campaign has been inaugurated in which the denominations are cooperating. Each denomination has its own programme and will administer its own funds, but acting together in the same spirit and for the same ends, each will be helped by the others. The Movement is assuming a national character and

will gather to itself new sympathies and forces that will greatly enrich the life of the Nation and the work of the Kingdom—Article selected by Rev. Jas. A. Wheeler, Pastor of the Viking Community Church, on behalf of the Forward Movement.

MERCHANTS BANK OF CANADA REPORTS PROGRESS

Marked Expansion In Assistance Bank Has Given to Canadian Trade and Commerce, Savings Deposits Show Large Increase.

The close association established by The Merchants Bank of Canada with the expansion of the business and industry of the Dominion is strikingly shown by the semi-annual statement of the Bank, to October 30th, 1920.

The Merchants Bank, with its complete organization throughout the Dominion, is known for the special assistance to growing and expanding businesses and the report now issued shows that it has been particularly active in this direction during the past year. This is reflected by the increase in current loans and discounts to customers to \$120,515,403, as compared with \$102,346,514, a gain of \$18,168,889.

Increase in Capital.

With a view of increasing its facilities to the farmers the merchants and the manufacturers of the country, the Bank has provided for an increase in capital and as a result the paid up capital now stands at \$9,955,970, an increase to date of \$1,014,434. At the same time the reserve has been increased by \$1,000,000 and now stands at \$2,400,000. Both these amounts will be further increased by the instalments still outstanding.

A further substantial gain in savings deposits indicates that the Canadian people are practising habits of thrift. During the year the savings deposits of the banks have been drawn on heavily to meet payments for the last Victory Loan campaign. Notwithstanding this development, the Bank shows a gain in savings deposits of \$4,628,040 and total deposits now stand at \$170,624,061, up from \$166,006,015.

As a result of the expansion, the total assets established a new high record by crossing the \$200,000,000 mark. They now total \$200,450,448, against \$198,506,572.

Shareholders will take particular pride in the steady expansion shown by the Bank. This development has been the result entirely of the rounding out of its organization and service throughout the country. With more active trade conditions, the Bank is now in a position to reflect the benefit of the complete organization which has been gradually built up over the entire Dominion.

ALLEGED THIEF NABBED AT KINSELLA

Our provincial police, constable Warrior, figured in a nice piece of work in apprehending an alleged thief at Kinsella last week. Warrior received a call from the police at Tofield to assist him in locating a man at Kingman who was wanted on a charge of stealing. He was traced to Tofield where they lost track of him until word was received from one of our local liverymen, Mr. Jas. Loughlin that a man had gotten a horse and rig at his place to go to Kinsella, and as he had not returned, Mr. Loughlin got suspicious.

Const. Warrior went to Kinsella and found the man in the act of selling the horse to a farmer. The handcuffs were applied and the prisoner questioned and practically made a confession. He was taken to Edmonton where he will stand trial. The prisoner after reaching the city denied that he tried to sell the horse so Mr. Warrior left yesterday for Kinsella to secure further evidence.

The prisoner whose name is alleged to be Ed Sandstrom was at one time a merchant at Kingman and his store burned down under rather peculiar circumstances and the police may bring other charges against him.

F. W. Coulter, formerly relief station agent here, was a visitor with friends in town last Sunday. He is now at Swallow, Sask.

THE IRMA TIMES

Irma, Alberta.

H. G. Thunell, Publisher.
H. W. Love, Editor.

A weekly newspaper issued every Friday at Irma, Alta.

The total value of Canada's field crops in 1913 was \$553 million dollars; 1914 \$639 million dollars; 1917 \$1145 million dollars; 1918 \$1373 million dollars; 1919 \$1452 million dollars; 1920 \$1637 million dollars.

The above figures are taken from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. It will thus be seen that the value of Canada's field crops this year are practically three times as great as they were in the year preceding the war.

The following is taken from an editorial that appeared in the Montreal Star.

"Year by year the farmers of Canada are creating more wealth. More than that they are creating it faster and faster judging by the figures of the last three years. The 1920 crop were greater than those of 1919 proportionally than the 1919 crops were greater than those of 1918. If the present rate of progress continues Canada ought to be able to bank almost two billions from field crops next year—and field crops are by no means all the wealth that the farmer draws from the soil. ALREADY CANADA STANDS AT THE HEAD OF THE WORLD IN THE PER CAPITA PRODUCTION OF FOODSTUFFS. We occupy this proud position, and we reasonably hope to better it, because the farmers of Canada have been 'on the job'."

The total deposits in the Canadian banks in 1913 were 993 millions of dollars. The total deposits in Canadian banks on the 30th of October, 1920, which are the latest figures available, were 1900 millions of dollars.

From a newspaper report of a speech made by Mr. E. W. Beatty, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, at Minneapolis on the 2nd December the following is taken.

"Mr. Beatty said he looked for remarkable immigration into Western Canada in the next few years, and that Western Canada is about to enter upon an era of unprecedented prosperity, but that before that comes we shall have to get back to a pre-war basis, but readjustments are now proceeding properly and satisfactorily."

Mr. Beatty said that development of Western Canada would proceed rapidly with the return to pre-war conditions, and he wound up his subject by stating that CANADIAN BUSINESS CONDITIONS ARE FUNDAMENTALLY SOUND."

The following is an extract from the "Montreal Star" of the 9th December.

"Present conditions are not the result of any newspaper propaganda, but of inexorable economic law. The price pendulum swung so high most people could not touch it; then some dealers started cutting to stir up sales, and down it swung. But we agree with the correspondent that there is no reason for any panic. The process of readjustment is almost over. THE TRAIN OF PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY IS MOVING AGAIN. IT IS TIME TO GET ON BOARD."

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No 1	2.80
No 2	2.70
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Cows	3 to 5c
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Hogs	12c
PRODUCE	
Butter	40c
Eggs	55c
Sugar	14c
Flour	6.20
Potatoes	.75
Twine	20c

EAST BRUCE SCHOOL XMAS PROGRAMME

The little school house in the East Bruce District was surely the scene of "high-jinks" on Xmas eve. The program was opened with recitations from Grey and Ruth McLaren, Max Grey and Oliver Earl, all doing very well indeed. The illuminated Xmas tree bearing presents in abundance for all, was then exhibited when the gifts were distributed which took one hour. The floor was cleared and everyone was soon dancing to the inspiring strains of "Ye old Barkers' orchestra. At midnight the gathering crossed the street to the residence of Mr. Andrew Sjodin where the ladies of the district had an inviting supper in waiting, after which all went back to the school and resumed dancing till the wee hours.

Special mention should be made of the recitation given by four year old Ruth McLaren, who held her audience spellbound from start to finish, her dramatic gesture, audible articulation and beautiful clear tones, are all promising features along oratorical lines, and it was remarked by many present, "that little Ruth took after her mother." All the people big and little were present from throughout the district and a number of young people from outside.

VIKING

The Intermediate hockey team played the Killam team here on New Year's day. The Killam boys went home with a 7 to 3 win over the local lads. Our boys put up a good game but lacked condition and team work. They expect to turn the tables in the return game at Killam a week from Saturday. Thos. Fraser veteran hockey player of many a hard fought game for Viking in years gone by, refereed the contest.

At the home of Mrs. M.L. White, Torlea, Mr. B. Wingo and Miss Anna M. Setzer were united in marriage by the Rev. E. C. Madsen, of Bruce, at 2 P. M., Wednesday, Dec. 22nd. A Company of the relatives were present. The newlyweds were showered with gifts and congratulations.

Col. Stewart, local buyer for the Swift Canadian Co., was notified this week that his station bought more butter fat than any other of the 121 stations in the province in 1920. He also held the record for 1919. He estimates he shipped about 60,000 lbs. last year.

The editor returned last Sunday evening from a holiday visit at the home of his parents at Minneapolis.

Miss Eva Lund was a visitor at the parental home for the holidays, returning to Kinsella Tuesday.

Santa Claus made his public appearance in Viking at McLeod's hall on Dec. 22nd, and welcomed all the members of the Community Sunday school together with every kiddie in the audience. To see Santa in all his glory is one thing, and to get from his hands candies and nuts and other presents makes the affair a memorable one.

For the entertainment of the adults particularly, arrangements were made with the University for a moving picture machine and operator. However this did not arrive in time and they sent instead a lantern with views of Scotland. A real live Scotchman, Mr. Cameron, did the talking and proved himself a very able and entertaining lecturer.

After an hour spent roaming about Scotland viewing that lovely and interesting country, the audience came back to Viking and listened to the kiddies. The songs and dialogs were good and the selections by the Sunday School orchestra were received with hearty demands for more. The effects of the training received in the Viking band were evident in the excellent performance of these young musicians.

After the program Santa Claus dashed up to the door and was soon very busy distributing the fruit hanging from the huge Xmas tree. There were all sorts of delightful things on that tree. And there were some jokers too. Last year the older boys treated the young ladies to some juvenile playthings, and this year they saw that Santa presented these boys with that interesting and significant citrus fruit known as the lemon.

There is always a lot of hard work and considerable expense in connection with an affair of this nature. It is a great occasion for the youngsters, and the pleasure they have makes all the trouble seem worth while.

FARMERS REQUIRE FIRE PROTECTION

There Isolation Renders Fire Extinguishers Necessary To Save Life and Property.

Farm homes should be provided with fire protection, in the form of extinguishers or water pails. When a fire breaks out the farmer cannot call in the services of an organized fire department and the water supply is usually scanty, neighborly assistance can therefore, only be concentrated on endeavoring to save the contents of buildings.

Fire extinguishers of many designs and qualities are available. The soda-acid type, however, is recommended. This must be kept from freezing, but it is most satisfactory and serviceable. Dry powder extinguishers are not reliable. The National Fire Protection Association circular on this subject says:

"A view of the fact that several so-called fire extinguishers, consisting of general of sheet metal, tubes filled with mixtures of bi-carbonate of soda and other materials in powdered form, have been widely advertised as suitable for use for fire extinguishing purposes, this committee has to report that in its opinion all forms of dry powder fire extinguishers, in extinguishing fires with them may cause delay in the use of water and other approved extinguishing agents, and therefore their introduction should not be encouraged."

A few pails kept for fire purposes only, and always filled with water, should be on hand. It is generally admitted that more fires are extinguished by pails of water than by all other means combined. To overcome freezing of the water where the pails are kept in stables or out-buildings, calcium chloride, in the proportion of five pounds (5lbs.) to the gallon of water will depress the freezing point to 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

A little precaution against fire may save the farmer and his family being turned out of his home some intensely cold night this winter.

DR. R. G. BRETT IS REAPPOINTED AS LIEUT. GOVERNOR

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The Ottawa Citizen announces that Hon. Dr. Brett has been re-appointed Lieutenant-Governor of the province of Alberta for another term. His tenure of office expired last October, but he has carried on in the meantime.



BEN FRANKLIN
SAY EGG FOR BLEKUST
BEATEE HEN FO' DINNA
CHINA BOY SAY MAYBE
SO, BUT EATEE ALL EGGS
FO' BLEKUST, HAVE NO
HEN TO LAY MORE EGGS!

A Preliminary Canter

An old lady called at a farmhouse one day just as the family were sitting down to tea. She was invited to take off her bonnet and join them. "Nay," she said, "I have no time; but I don't mind havin' a cup o' tea an' a bit o' cake."

She was supplied with this, and, finishing the cake before the tea, took another piece, "Just to get the tea daan."

This performance was repeated until she had been helped to seven cups of tea and eight pieces of cake. Then, looking round complacently, she said: "Well, ah think, after all, shill tak' me bonnet off an' get me tea right."

SPORT DOPE.

(By Buck.)

Here we are folks!! Patricia and I. (Where's Patricia). We are awfully sorry we have had to stay silent so long. I know friend Patootie is just aching to break forth in song once more—and myself—well—but folks its a New Year once more and my New Year's Resolution—or one of them was—"not to be antagonistic to my fellow journalist"

Ed and Teddy!! Oh say, can you see by the dawn's misty light. What you in that baggage car Xmas night? Can your powers of recollection bring back remembrances of the girls with the music and how hard we tried to sing though our vocal organs failed to track upon the right key. Do you remember the turkey supper, the lost gauntlets, overcoat, and suit case. Wasn't it a "Grand and Geolorous feelin'" to think the whole train belonged to just us three. Remember how sore we were when the con decided, just when we were two miles from the "bright lights" that we had only had \$7.00 worth of riding on the Good Old G. T. P. and had the "hoghead" push us back to "Clover Bar" and then give us the remaining \$1.00 worth by pulling into the City on the double. By the way, where are you going Xmas?

O Patricia! How lonely I felt, all alone here on this sheet of ours. Everything seemed so cold n' everything without you. Don't go away anymore will you.

Patootie, you said that the young men should hurry up and get a dame before the bargains were all gone. But, on behalf of the Union of Bachelors, I have been requested to inform you that we, the above mentioned Union of Bachelors are not going to cast our lot with a so-called bargain. For knowest, thou not Fair Patricia, that only the dead stock is placed upon the bargain counter with the label "Bargain" attached to it and again, on behalf of my fellow bachelors I wish to say that we are by no means looking for Dead stock thrown upon the counter as bargains. It is easy to see that those persons who compiled the modern calendar were of a pretty sound mind for they give the women one year out of four to pick their man while the three remaining years are given to the men to look things over carefully and thereby escape getting what you call "bargains."

Pat had an ad at the bottom of her column, "Lost, a girl and ad-dress". Well, the girl has been found and if the person who is harboring the dress will bring same to 2046 Main Street we will return the girl as requested by Patricia.

Who said we needed an ambulance in Irma? Xmas comes but once a year

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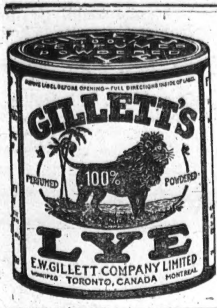
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Worms in children work havoc.

These pests often do more harm to the intestines, and if left to pursue their ravages undisturbed, will ultimately perforate the wall, because these worms, of whatever variety that cling to and feed upon the interior surfaces. Miller's Worm Powders will not only exterminate these worms, of whatever variety, but will serve to repair the injury they have done.

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By Ren Proctor McGee, M.D., D.D.S., Editor Oral Hygiene.

If your knife and fork, spoon, plate, cup and saucer were left from one meal to another without thorough washing, you would change your boarding house.

But why be so particular about outside matters, unless you thoroughly cleanse your own mouth after each meal.

When food is allowed to pack between and around the teeth, caries, or decay, it is commonly called, gets a good start. The packed food decomposes and ferments, thus making the bacteria happy so they all move in.

As the bacteria get settled upon the enamel surface of the teeth, they cover themselves with a coating called a gelatinous plaque. Under this protective covering the bacteria grow unless they are removed by thorough cleansing.

Decay of the teeth caries, is a disease just the same as tuberculosis or measles is a disease. In this disease the hardest tissue in the body is attacked.

The bacteria of decay are really tiny plants. They live and die as other plants do, when they die they decompose and ferment, forming an acid. This acid, in its fresh state, will dissolve the enamel of the tooth a very little at a time at first, but the further in the bacteria they get the more rapidly they work.

The enamel of the teeth is not sensitive. It is composed entirely of the salts of lime, mixed into microscopic rods that are bound together by a natural cement. The rods all point towards the centre like the bricks in an arch. Enamel is the armor plate of a tooth. When the decay gets through the armor it reaches the ends of the tiny fibres from the nerve that radiate through the body of the tooth.

It is here that you get your first sharp pain that tells there is trouble ahead, trouble that only one person can stop. Don't delay, your teeth are too valuable.

Sewing Machines.

About 60 million feet of lumber are used annually in the manufacture of sewing machines. Oaks and red gum supply nearly two-thirds of the lumber, and yellow poplar and black walnut each a little more than one-eighth, the remainder being made up of tulip, chestnut, cottonwood, maple, basswood, birch, sycamore, mahogany, yellow pine and redwood. Tops of sewing machines are usually made of hardwood veneers such as oak or walnut, or of other woods stained to imitate mahogany.

Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator will drive worms from the system without injury to the child, because its action, while so effective, is mild.

Spending the Savings.

Many of the European nations are planning a greater expenditure upon military account than they did six years ago. This reminds us of the excessive war prophets who declared that the savings upon armaments in time of peace would do much to pay the expenses of the Great War—Toronto Mail and Empire.

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A Woman's Way.

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"What's the matter?"

"Well," said the young husband, "this morning the misest chased me out of the house w' a frying pan and when I went home tonight she was crying her eyes out because I hadn't kissed her when I went out!"

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World Happenings Briefly Told

The Wisner Distillery, at Prescott, Ontario, recently absorbed by Montreal interests will re-open to manufacture industrial alcohol.

The official Prussian Bureau announces that Prussia will demobilize her civic militia in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles.

Felix Diaz, nephew of former President Porfirio Diaz, has arrived in Guatemala and is reported to be contemplating aggression against the Mexican Government.

Official denial is given to reports published in New York that Canada is entering into negotiations with the United States, Australia and New Zealand, to prohibit Japanese immigration. No such negotiations, it is stated, have taken place.

Mine, Amelia Galli-Curci, grand opera star of Chicago, announces her coming marriage to Homer Samuels, her accompanist and the man whom her husband, Marquis Luigi C. Curci, sought unsuccessfully to involve in her divorce suit a year ago.

Announcement is made that Sir Alfred Mond, financier, will leave London early this month for Palestine, where he will spend some time studying conditions in connection with Zionist plans for the country's development.

Influenza attacks carry with them a definite immunity from subsequent attacks, lasting several years," according to conclusions reached by the United States public health service after extensive study in the homes where the disease was prevalent in 1918-19.

Minard's Liniment For Diphtheria.

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He—When did you first realize you loved me?

She—I found myself getting angry whenever father called you an idiot.

FREQUENT HEADACHES

A Sure Sign That the Blood is Watery and Impure.

People with thin blood are much more subject to headaches than full-blooded persons and the form of anaemia that affects growing girls is almost always accompanied by headaches, together with disturbances of the digestive organs.

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More disturbances to the health are caused by their blood than people have any idea of. When your blood is impoverished, the nerves suffer from lack of nourishment, and you may be troubled with insomnia, neuritis, neuralgia or sciatica. Muscles subject to strain are undernourished and you may have muscular rheumatism or lumbago. If your blood is thin, and you begin to show symptoms of any of these disorders, try building up the blood with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and as the blood is restored to its normal condition every symptom of the trouble will disappear. There are more people who owe their present state of good health to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills than to any other medicine, and most of them do not hesitate to say so.

You can get Dr. Williams' Pink Pills through any dealer in medicine or by mail. 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50 from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Working for Solution

Carriers Studied Exchange on International Freight.

Definite progress towards a solution of the vexed question of exchange on international freight charges between the United States and Canada seems likely, as a result of a meeting of representatives of the principal Canadian carriers at Montreal recently.

The question, which is a most complicated one, was again considered from all its angles, and a tentative plan was prepared involving an average varying surcharge, which, it is hoped, will lead to a solution which will be satisfactory to all parties interested. It is appreciated, however, that in the working out of this problem it is of the utmost importance that the integrity of the through rates by the different gateways must be maintained to avoid the danger of a cancellation of all international tariffs.

Owing to the diversity of conditions affecting the various classes of traffic, and the far-reaching effect of any action which may be taken, a full examination of the international charges of consultation with United States carriers is necessary. This has already been undertaken by a committee appointed for the purpose, and the matter will be pressed to a definite conclusion at the earliest possible date.

A Frightful Death, Suffocated by Asthma

The Dread of Such an Unhappy End Oppresses Every Sufferer.

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Alberta's Pulp Forests

Huge Quantity of Poplar and Spruce Available.

The Edmonton Bulletin says that a source of pulp and paper supply is to be found in a very considerable area of spruce timber which are included in the vast forests of white poplar in the region north and west of Edmonton. It says:

"While poplar predominates there are considerable areas of spruce timber that would be valuable for pulp manufacture. The great demand is for newsprint and newsprint must be made largely or altogether of spruce. But some poplar can be used for almost every other kind of pulp." F. A. Burrows, in a recent interview, spoke of the quantity of spruce pulp wood available on the upper waters of the Saskatchewan. Mr. Burrows is a practical lumberman; of very many years' standing. He has limits on the upper waters of both the Saskatchewan and Athabasca.

Therefore he speaks with authority. The vast drainage basin of the Athabasca was originally almost covered with spruce forests. Fires have cleared away a large part of the original timber. It has been succeeded chiefly by poplar. But there are still many spruce areas on the Athabasca waters that are available for pulp making as well as lumber. In all cases the presence of poplar adds materially to the total tonnage that could be derived from spruce alone.

Green Food For Hens.

With hens being confined to the pens it is important that plenty of green food should be given. Not only does it help to give the required amount of vitamins but it also is beneficial as a regulator. The nearer one makes the hen feel that they still have spring conditions the better egg production can be expected. Cabbage, mangels, chopped and steeped Alfalfa, and such like make fine food for fowls.

The Oil for the Athlete.

In rubbing down the athlete will find Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil an excellent article. It renders the muscles and sinews pliable, takes the stiffness out of them and strengthens them for strains that may be put upon them. It stands pre-eminent for this purpose, and athletes who for years have been using it can testify to its value as a lubricant.

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Broths for the Invalid

BY LORETTO C. LYNCH
An Acknowledged Expert in All Matters Pertaining to Household Management.

Perhaps one of the first things the average housewife thinks about when broths is recommended for the one who is ill at her home is chicken. But the chicken broth suitable for sick folk differs considerably from the rich, somewhat greasy soup that well folk get. A four-pound fowl may be selected.

Where there are other members in the family, have the butcher split the bird in half and chop one half into small pieces. The other half may be cut into several larger pieces and, perhaps, made into rice with the well members. But the half that has been chopped in very small pieces is the from which you make your invalid broth.

Put the pieces into a cook-pot and cover them with cold water. If the physician has no objection to the patient having salt in his diet, add half a level teaspoonful of salt. This helps to draw out the flavoring matter and the nutriment. The smaller are the pieces the more perfectly will this process of extraction be accomplished. The bones, of course, should be used, as well as the meaty part.

Very gradually bring the water to the boiling point. Then reduce the temperature, so that the mixture simmers very slowly. When the meat has fallen from the bones remove the pot from the flame and strain. Let the broth cool. When cool the fat will have hardened into a cake, which can easily be removed from the top. This fat makes excellent shortening for biscuits for the well folk. Pour off liquid carefully so as not to disturb the sediment from the bottom. The cold broth may either be stored in a wide-mouthed covered jar in the refrigerator, or it may be immediately reheated for use.

If the broth does not seem as clear as you would like it, strain it through double cheesecloth or stir the lightly beaten white of one egg into the hot broth. The egg in coagulation will draw to itself all the tiny particles. This egg may be strained out and combined with the chopped chicken strained out of the broth, green pepper, onion and potatoes and made into a tasty hash for the well folk.

A pleasing variation of chicken broth that a certain expensive sanatorium offers some patients, is chicken broth with egg custard. To make the custard beat the yolk of one egg slightly with a silver fork. Add a few grains of salt, if permissible, and a tablespoon each of water and milk. Put into a small buttered tin mold, place in a pan of hot water and bake until firm. When cool, remove from the mold and cut into finger shapes, such as diamonds, circles and the like. The custard forms are served with the broth.

Often when a patient has been used to highly flavoured food he objects to the rather tasteless dishes of the invalid diet. A specialty when he is getting a bit better. It is at this time that you might make some onion soup if the doctor permits it. Cook one-half large onion, thinly sliced, in one tablespoon of butter for five minutes. Add one cup of chicken broth and simmer twenty minutes. Run through a sieve, add two tablespoons of cream or milk and the yolk of one-half an egg beaten slightly. Season with salt and pepper.

I have made a point of asking the physician concerning the use of a very ordinary seasoning like salt, for there may be reasons for a salt-free diet. So be sure to inquire if salt may be used in any quantity, however small.

Another variation of your chicken broth is mushroom soup. To prepare this, clean and chop three mushrooms and saute in a teaspoon of butter for five minutes. Add three-fourths of a cup of chicken broth and one-fourth slice of an onion. Simmer about ten minutes. Run through a fine strainer, add one egg yolk slightly beaten, one tablespoon cream, a teaspoonful of butter, and a little salt and pepper.

In place of the mushrooms one might use a tablespoon of cooked spinach or one-third cup of cooked cauliflower or one-third of a cup of canned asparagus tips.

If you live in a place where chicken is not available or is prohibitive in price, try making broth in a similar manner from rabbit. Rabbit makes a mighty good broth, and in most places is far less expensive than chicken.

A man who can make an after-dinner speech but won't be less tiresome than one who can't but will.



Worn-Out, Weak Men and Women Testify

Chatham, Ont.—"For many years I suffered with stomach trouble and I tried many remedies but they seemed to be a failure—my stomach seemed to be getting worse instead of better. One day I came in possession of a bottle of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and took it. My stomach seemed completely cured. I have great faith in this medicine and hope any sufferer that reads this will give the Discovery a trial. Once tried, you will never be without it."—T. J. TITUS, Jr., 28 Duke St.

New Waltham, P. E. I.—"I suffered three years with bronchial asthma. I was so weak I could hardly walk three steps at a time. I could not sleep so would get up and stay up the rest of the night. One day a friend advised me to use Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and I sent to my druggist for a bottle. I had not used it long when I felt a great deal better. When I used that bottle I sent for two more, and when I finished the third bottle I was completely cured. It is over two years since I first took Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and I have not been troubled a day with asthma since."—ALEX. McLEOD.

Hamilton, Ont.—"I have suffered with rheumatism for the last five years and have only taken three bottles of Dr. Pierce's Ankle (castor-oil) Tablets and three bottles of Golden Medical Discovery and am nearly cured. I also had that dread disease, Gonorrhea, leaving me in a terrible condition. Only those who have had it know what a awful condition it leaves one in. I am sure if it had not been for Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and Ankle (castor-oil) Tablets I would have died. I want to recommend Dr. Pierce's medicine to any sufferer with gonorrhea or to anyone run down after having the 'flu'. Also try Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets for constipation."—MRS. ESTHER LA GRANBY, 64 1/2 James St. North.

Well Announces New Invention.

The announcement of the completion of a new invention which he had decided to describe, was made by Prof. Alexander Graham Bell, father of the telephone, upon his arrival on the liner Empress of France. Prof. Graham Bell has just returned from a visit to his birth place in Scotland. The professor will go to his home in Baddeck, C.B., where he is to spend a portion of the winter.

They Promote Good Digestion.

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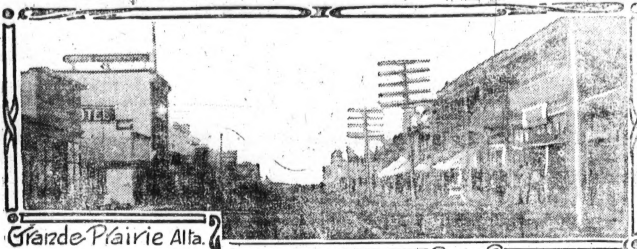
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INVENTIONS

Pioneers in Peace River District



Grande Prairie Alta.

On August morning ten years ago, a Dominion Cabinet Minister at Ottawa interrupted for best part of a day the normal course of business to unfold to me, a sympathetic, travelling Englishman, his vision of the New North West.

He had just returned from a long tour right through the Peace River district, up the Mackenzie Basin to Fort McPherson.

"We have no wish," said he with emphasis, "to induce settlers to enter as yet the new Promised Land."—this, remember, was in 1910—"I speak of the future only. But I am satisfied that when the present prairie lands are all disposed of, then this back country will be taken up, because it will pay people better to secure land there than to pay the price that will be asked for the other."

"Much work has to be done first, however. Rivers have to be made navigable and the land has to be surveyed. My journey was made to ascertain if these undertakings would be justified. And my verdict is yes. Though this land lies north, it is not appreciably colder than the southern portions of the province. At Edmonton the climate is as favorable as at the international boundary, owing to the lower altitude; and for the same reason, together with other contributory conditions, a couple of hundred miles further up country makes little difference."

In 1914 came the railway gang, and in 1916, when its work was done, in pressed the pioneers. This year I have followed in their tracks and, reflecting on what I have seen, I endorse this wisdom. First, the country is of uncommon charm—great tracts of prairie with patches of light bush, set among low purple hills, and intersected by belts of timber and by fine rivers and streams. Park-like is the descriptive term that springs to one's pen. Roses flourish everywhere by millions, and scent the air. Lilies challenge them for grace and glow. A thousand tinted grasses add soft undertones as they ripple in the breeze. Rarely have I been so moved with visions of a country's future as when, on the automobile, I pounded along the ninety-mile trail from Peace River Crossing to Spirit River. The naked prairies of the south have their charm—at least under summer skies; but here is a country where the eye is rested and the soul inspired, while still the pocket fills.

And the pocket does fill, sure! In some instances it puzzles one a lit-

tle how. It is not to be explained on the theory of taking in each other's washing, though there is "taking in" of some sort, if the unwary stranger suffers it. But where the occupation is farming the mystery is explained. Nowhere south or east have I seen better crops, and last year this district prospered when others nearly failed. One man gleaned 120 bushels of oats to the acre, and 48 bushels of wheat. He is located about twelve miles above the Crossing and floats his grain down thereto in scows, freightage ten cents per bushel; he with a stream running nine miles an hour he doesn't lose much time.

Just north of Duvvogan, on the 14th July, I plucked oats, four feet high and upwards by my pocket-measure. And wheat, rye, timothy and indeed all kinds of hay, were luxuriant. A man may be no agriculturist or authority on soils, but even a fool can't mistake the evidence of growing crops.

The pioneers, I said, are pressing in, and more than pioneers. Wise men, not merely from the East, but also from the South and West, are nosing around to pick up the "snaps" and secure their share of what surely—given the subjoined conditions—be a rich country. At one hotel in Peace River, on two days, there were visitors registered from Brandon, Moose Jaw, Victoria, Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York and London. At Duvvogan Crossing I met camping, with pack-horse, knife and gun, a picturesque stranger who was beginning his long evenings with Anole France's "Les Dieux ont Soit."

What was a man or such culture doing there? Prospecting and picking up good things, you bet your life.

And the people already settled are of the right stuff—downright, enterprising, sociable, "sports"; earnest in play as in work. Spirit River has had a two days' sports meeting. The folk came in from as far afield as eighty miles—chiefly in autos. There was a bed to be laid. Men walked the street all night. Others slept in their cars or on the unwholesome floors of barns, offices and postrooms. But nothing daunted their zeal. After a boxing contest in the late evening, a dance followed until the small hours. The sports events were numerous and dashing. Better racing than I have seen at Edmonton. The boys' half-mile horserack spoke well for the rising generation. And ten years ago, recollect, this country



was not surveyed, and a four-year world-war has intervened; yet today several towns of one thousand residents and upwards, with large contributory populations, one of them, at least, equipped with electric light plant and public water-works, are making history. Nevertheless, as my friend the Cabinet Minister said, there is yet much to do. Roads need to be graded, trails improved, river transport increased. Most urgent of all, an improved and progressive railway service is needed. They, indeed, is vital; for otherwise many of the settlers will drift out again; the fight is too unfair. I hear that the Canadian Pacific Railway has at length taken over the operation of the line. This will prove the surest pledge of Peace River prosperity, for the unsullied prestige of this great transportation company, challenged as it now is by powerful rivals, will not allow of inefficiency. But what I have seen makes me eager, and to public utility companies and intending settlers alike, I say—Make haste!—D. C.

JARROW

The death took place of Phyllis, age five, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. James, of Jarrow, following an operation at the Alexandra hospital, Edmonton, for appendicitis. The funeral took place at Irma on Monday, Dec. 20th, and was attended by a large number of friends of the bereaved parents.

Card of Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. James beg to thank all those who tendered their sympathies in the great loss they sustained by the untimely death of their little daughter, Phyllis, especially those who attended the funeral service in such cold weather.

An Oyster Feed will be held at "Bachelor's Hall" at an early date to be announced later. All bachelors are looking forward to a happy New Year, being that leap year is over.

Miss Grace Stouffer left for Camrose on Sunday eve to complete her Normal course.

The New Year's eve hop held in Jarrow was quite a success, the lack of cakes was the main drawback.

Get busy, Bachelors, moonlight waltzes are coming in to style again.

Miss Pearl Denison has returned home from the Edmonton hospital and is rapidly recovering after her recent operation.

Batts school has re-opened after the Xmas vacation with Miss A. Marshall completing the year as teacher.

J. J. Therou has completed loading a car of oats.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Smith of Heath, spent New Year's day with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith.

Miss Rose Frances of To-field, spent her vacation with her sister, Mrs. E. Moore.

Don't forget the Batts school dance.

"Buck" says:—Jarrow is O. K. and most of its young girls, which total about four are good heads and know a good time when it comes around. We'll say, moonlight waltzes are coming in style?—around Jarrow and Irma eh, Ted?

Married.

A quiet wedding took place at Grace Methodist church Thursday afternoon, Dec. 18th, when Florence Louise Hollar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Hollar, of Kinsella, was married to Mr. Ernest Stuart, a returned soldier settler, of Kinsella. The Rev. N. F. Priestley, performed the ceremony.—Wainwright Star.



E. J. Bridgeman, Eye-sight Specialist and Professional Optometrist, will be at Irma, on Wednesday, January 12th (All Day).

Mike Rubenok. Tenders are invited for the renting of the property of above in Irma. Apply Field-house and Hunter. 2t

BRAND NOTICE.

Cattle branded OL (half circle underneath) are the property of H.W. LOVE, IRMA. Kindly notify and they will be taken away.

Through the Kettle Valley



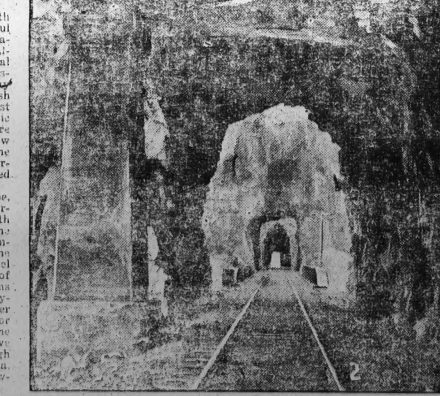
Southern British Columbia, with its placid lakes that mirror fruitful shores, the orchards of the Okanagan Valley, the Grand Forks Valley and a country rich in mineral and forest wealth, are made accessible by the Kettle Valley railway, which links a vast extent of British Columbia with the Pacific Coast through a route of rare scenic beauty. At the southern end are the Kootenay and Arrow lakes, the route offering all the charm of mountain lake, river, cataract, ravine and soft, sun-drenched landscape of cultivated slopes.

Leaving the junction at Hope, you travel through nature's wonderland of snow-capped mountains with evidence of man's science in the Quintal Tunnels, a series of five tunnels in a direct line with the Coquihalla river, spanned by steel bridges, zigzagging between each of the tunnels. The rushing streams and unnumbered waterfalls everywhere speak of the marvellous water power awaiting to be harnessed for man's needs. Winding up to the Coquihalla Summit, 3,200 feet above sea level, the line passes through the towns of Osoyoos, Leavenworth, Portia, Iago, Rameo, Jubah, following the Shakespearian tradition.

Penticton, the next spot of interest was a renowned mining town of twenty years ago. It is located at the junction of two mountain streams Simlamoon, meaning "Swift Flowing Water," and Tulameen (Red Water). The Indian nomenclature in all its euphony, has been retained and native legends abound. The late Pauline Johnson, Indian poetess in her "Indian Legends" tells of "Red Water," Tulameen, said to be haunted by the spirit of an Indian woman who gave her life for her love.

Coalment Collieries are passed where a tunnel three-quarters of a mile into one seam, gives an almost inexhaustible supply of high grade coal. There are at least ten million tons of coal "blacked out" and ready for market in chimney.

The town of Tura is another interesting point, as the home of the famous old "Bill Miller," notorious



- (1) Waterfall on the Coquihalla River. Home of the Steel Head Salmon and Silver Side Trout.
- (2) The Quintal Tunnels, Near Hope, on Kettle Valley Railway.

train robber who, as Bill Edwards, was known as a kindly citizen who "lost his Billie." He was sent to British Columbia penitentiary in 1933, for twenty years, for holding up a train, and escaped in 1905. He was never heard of as a prisoner in Alberta, Georgia, where he died in the State penitentiary.

Skirting the orchard covered benches, the valley is unfolded where nestles the town of Penticton at the foot of Okanagan Lake. Viewed from the hills, golden in the sunshine, it seemed the desired resort, ah, it is a resort desirable in summer and has proved as attractive in winter.

BANFF'S FAMOUS CARNIVAL



Preparations are already being made for the annual carnival to be held at Banff amidst the glories of the Canadian Pacific Rockies. Banff is ideally situated for winter sports and this season the dates have been fixed from January 23rd to February 8th inclusive. The Secretary writes that the programme is to be considerably extended. He says:

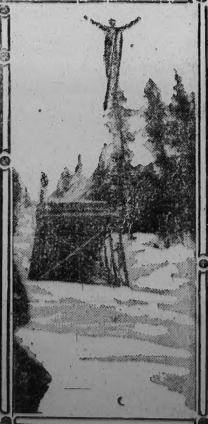
"Our Ski Hill has now been completed in accordance with the suggestions made by the world's champion, Anders Haugen of Brosten, Minn., and we are confident that a new world's record will be established on our Hill this Carnival. We have decided to offer a substantial cash prize to the man who can beat the present world's record and to supplement this cash prize with a further prize of \$10.00 for every foot or portion of a foot by which the record is broken on our hill. We will also follow the same principle in connection with the amateur championship only in that case the inducement or reward will be in the shape of an especially attractive prize. We have at the present time four different jumps so that we will be in a position to stage competitions in all classes of this very spectacular and hair-raising sport."

One expert that James hockey will be a very important factor in our sports this season. We have already been advised by the ladies of Vancouver under the leadership of Mr. Frank Patrick, of professional hockey fame, expect to compete. The Regents, the Champions of Western Canada, of Calgary, the Parliels also

of Calgary, a team from Edmonton, a team from Vulcan, Alberta, and perhaps teams from Winnipeg and Ottawa are all expected to be on hand and compete with Vancouver and Ottawa for the Championship of Canada. A very elaborate trophy together with ten very attractive and costly prizes will in all probability be announced a little later in connection with this event.

"An ice palace will be constructed on a basis far more extensive than anything heretofore attempted and the resident engineer of the Dominion Government is now at work preparing the plans for same. We expect this palace when illuminated will be a view that will live long in the memories of those who will be fortunate enough to visit us and see it. The palace will be stormed at different times during the Carnival by representatives of all the different sports indulged in, and it is expected that the fire works display on these occasions will be most interesting."

"Special attention will again be given to art and fancy skating and competition in these items on our programme promise to be very interesting. The Connaught Skating Club of Vancouver with a membership of almost three hundred, has written saying that the Club will be well represented and if we could be assured of some entries from Eastern Canada and the States together with the assured entries we will have from Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton and Saskatoon, this feature of our programme would be one of



the largest or one ever attempted in Canada. Application will be made to the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada to have all these contests representative of the Canadian Championships.